

[power distribution means below said cutters operably connecting the cutters with one another for transferring power between the cutters;]

first upright drive shaft means projecting upwardly from and operably coupled with [at least one of said cutters] a first cutter in the set for supplying driving power to said [at least one] first cutter; [and]

second upright drive shaft means projecting upwardly from and operably coupled with a second cutter in the set for supplying driving power to said second cutter;

power distribution means operably connecting all the cutters in the set with one another for transferring power between the cutters;

power means for driving said cutters including [at least one] a first hydraulic motor operably coupled with said first upright drive shaft means[.] and a second hydraulic motor operably coupled with said second upright drive shaft means; and

conduit means establishing fluid communication between said hydraulic motors in such a manner that the motors share the load of driving the set of cutters.

✓ Claim 32, line 1, delete "31" and insert -- 29 --.

Amend Claim 33 by rewriting the same as follows:

3433. (Amended) [In a machine as claimed in Claim 32,] In a machine for mowing crop materials, the improvement comprising:

a cutter bed including a set of rotary cutters extending across the path of travel of the machine and rotatable about individual upright axes;

power distribution means below said cutters operably connecting the cutters with one another for transferring power between the cutters;

22 upright drive shaft means projecting upwardly from and operably coupled with at least one of said cutters for supplying driving power to said at least one cutter;

power means for driving said cutters including at least one hydraulic motor operably coupled with said upright drive shaft means;

second upright drive shaft means projecting upwardly from and operably coupled with a second cutter in the set of cutters,

said power means including a second hydraulic motor operably coupled with said second upright drive shaft means;

conduit means establishing fluid communication between said hydraulic motors in such a manner that the motors share the load of driving the series of cutters;

generally horizontally extending wall means spaced above the cutters having the first-mentioned and second drive shaft means projecting upwardly therefrom,

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[said first mentioned and second drive shaft means extending
upwardly through and beyond said wall means,
said hydraulic motors being located above said wall means; and
[said series of cutters further including] a pair of outer
cutters disposed outboard of the cutters of the set
having said drive shaft means projecting upwardly
therefrom,
said outer cutters each having upright driven shaft means
projecting upwardly therefrom and operably coupled
therewith,
said power means including mechanism operably coupling each
drive shaft means with a corresponding driven shaft
means.

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[Claim 35, line 4, delete "series" and insert -- set --.

Add the following new claims:

31/64. 1 In a machine as claimed in Claim 29; and
a pair of outer cutters disposed outboard of the first and
second cutters,
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said outer cutters each having upright driven shaft means
projecting upwardly therefrom and operably coupled
therewith,
said power means including mechanism operably coupling each
drive shaft means with a corresponding driven shaft
means.

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~~65.~~ In a machine as claimed in Claim 29,
said first and second cutters being disposed at opposite
endmost positions in the set of cutters.

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~~66.~~ In a machine as claimed in Claim 29,
said power distribution means being located below the set of
cutters.

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~~67.~~ In a machine as claimed in Claim ³³~~66~~; and
a pair of outer cutters disposed outboard of the first and
second cutters; and
a pair of upright driven shaft means projecting upwardly from
said outer cutters and operably coupled therewith,
said power means including mechanism operably coupling each
drive shaft means with a corresponding driven shaft
means.

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~~68.~~ In a machine as claimed in Claim ³⁴~~67~~,
said mechanism being located above said outer cutters.

Remarks

Claims 1-29 and 32-68 remain in this Application. Claims 1-28
and 36-63 stand allowed as filed. Claim 33 has been placed in
independent form (and revised slightly to refer to a "set" of the
cutters) and is therefore in condition for allowance as provision-
ally indicated in the last Office Action, along with its dependent